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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: ALUMINA SINTERED BODY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before February 14, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

1 (Twice Amended). A process for producing a polycrystalline alumina sintered body which comprises the steps of:

preparing a slurry by subjecting alumina powder and a solvent to ultrasonic irradiation, mechanical stirring not using a grinding medium, or ultrasonic